

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 527

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor CHC Companies on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those Tennessee businesses that have a longstanding commitment to providing exceptional service to their customers; and

WHEREAS, one such entity is CHC Companies of Cookeville, which celebrates five decades in operation this year, a commendable milestone for this venerable Tennessee business; and

WHEREAS, CHC Companies traces its inception back to 1969, when three Nashville-based investors purchased Cookeville's American Heating & Cooling from Cantrell Brown; during the next four years, American Heating & Cooling continued to establish its reputation as a quality provider in the Upper Cumberland area, even with only three trucks and less than \$100,000 in annual sales; and

WHEREAS, after Garry Floeter was named general manager in 1973, he acquired twenty-five percent of the outstanding stock and was elected president of the corporation; the following year, he changed the name of the company to Cookeville Heating & Cooling (CHC); and

WHEREAS, in the decade thereafter, the company grew exponentially, so that eventually the services division was categorized as a separate company, Cookeville Mechanical Services (CMS); it was at this time that Mr. Floeter executed his stock options and assumed full ownership of the company; and

WHEREAS, in the early years of the new millennium, CHC and CMS reorganized to better define each company's focus areas; CHC maintained the commercial work, while CMS

handled residential work; owner Garry Floeter then sold his interest in CMS to other stockholders, enabling him to put all of his focus on growing CHC. That growth included the establishment of a commercial maintenance division, Cookeville Heating & Cooling Services, which eventually became its own company; and

WHEREAS, though much has changed throughout CHC Companies' existence, the common thread has been a commitment to excellence, professionalism, and safety, as well as a growth mindset that has served it well as it continues to set and reach goals; and

WHEREAS, the base of CHC Companies' operations rests in Cookeville; however, its reach stretches well beyond Putnam County, into the Upper Cumberland region of Middle Tennessee, East Tennessee, Metropolitan Nashville, West Tennessee, and throughout the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, over the years, CHC Companies has garnered many awards and honors; in recognition of its ongoing commitment to safety, it has been awarded the Safety Award of Merit and Construction Safety Award from the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (2005 and 2006), the Governor's Award of Excellence for Workplace Safety & Health from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (2005 and 2006), the Outstanding Safety Performance award from Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc., (2005), and the Safety Achievement Award from CNA Commercial Insurance (2003); and

WHEREAS, other notable awards duly bestowed upon CHC Companies include the TRANE Summit Award (2001, 2002, and 2007), York International's Commercial Sales Award (2006), the Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc., STEP Platinum Award (2003), and Mechanical Contractor of the Year for the Southeast Region from Excellence Alliance, Inc., (2002); and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, CHC Companies has been providing superior products and customer service, and it is fitting that this Tennessee business be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we congratulate CHC Companies on fifty years of operation, wishing the organization much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.